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WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DELIVERING FOLLOWING LETTER TO
SOVIET PROJECT LEADER KOLBASOV FROM KHRISTINE HALL, MEMBER
OF US DELEGATION WHICH PLANS TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER
7 (REFTEL):

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ULITSA FRUNZE, 10
MOSCOW

DEAR OLEG STEPANOVICH:

TWO YEARS AGO, A GATHERING OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS WAS HELD
IN WASHINGTON ON THE ISSUE OF THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION OF

THE ATMOSPHERE BY FLUOROCARBONS AND PREVENTION OF DETERIORATION OF THE OZONE LAYER. THE SOVIET UNION WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THAT GATHERING. AS A FOLLOW-UP, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY PREPARED FOR THAT CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS ASKED AN AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC), TO PREPARE A LENGTHY PAPER ANALYZING AND COMPARING THE LEGAL METHODS OF CONTROLLING FLUOROCARBONS AND OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE NRDC CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT A DISCUSSION OF SOVIET LEGAL METHODS OF CONTROLLING FLUOROCARBONS AND OTHER TOXIC MATERIALS BE INCLUDED IN THE PAPER. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE NRDC HAS ASKED ME TO REPORT ABOUT SOVIET METHODS IN THIS FIELD.

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, I WISH TO ASK WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE: (1) TO EXTEND MY UPCOMING STAY IN MOSCOW BY ONE WEEK AT MY OWN EXPENSE SO THAT I CAN GATHER MATERIALS AND TALK TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS CONCERNING SOVIET LEGAL METHODS OF CONTROLLING FLUOROCARBONS AND OTHER TOXIC MATERIALS, (2) TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE ALL-UNION AND RUSSIAN FEDERATION OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF CONTROLLING FLUOROCARBONS AND OTHER TOXIC MATERIALS, AND (3) FOR SOMEONE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION TO HELP ME GATHER MATERIALS?

I AM SENDING YOU SEPARATELY A RECENT ARTICLE WHICH OUTLINES
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THE PROBLEMS I WISH TO RESEARCH WHILE IN MOSCOW. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AND TO SEEING YOU AND MY OTHER SOVIET FRIENDS SOON.

SINCERELY YOURS,

KHRISTINE L. HALL NEWSOM

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